

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Two lolis tied

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1900251.004

**Medium:** Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

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| <b>Classification:</b> | Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. |
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 23 September 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 23 September 2019

### Summary of reasons for decision:

This image file depicts two well-known anime characters as much older than usual and in a highly sexualised context. However, the image does not meet the high threshold of promoting or supporting or tending to promote or support, the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes due to ambiguity over the age of the characters. The image also does not promote or support, or tend to promote or support, the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to submit to sexual conduct because the references to adult sexual fetish practices have a transgressive tone and are not overtly sexually coercive or violent. It is however a strongly sexualised image of well-known child anime characters which is probably part of its appeal as transgressive adult humour. Therefore its unrestricted availability is still likely to be injurious to the public good, particularly given its bondage elements. Children and teenagers lack the maturity and life experience to contextualise this type of image without being negatively affected; such images would be likely to harm the attitudes and behaviour of children and teens who are impressionable and still forming their sexual identities and understanding of sexual behaviour. The image is therefore classified R18. The classification interferes with the freedom of expression affirmed under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but this is a reasonable limitation on that right in order to prevent likely injury to the public good.